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AMERICANS HOLD CAPTURED TRENCHES; TEN MORE RECEIVE FRENCH WAR CROSS

PEACE TREATY IS RATIFIED BY THE BOLSHEVIK SOVIET IN ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS

Gives Germany Vast Political
and Economic Opportunities
in Slav Empire.

JAP MOVE EXPECTED.

Way Now Cleared for An-
nouncement of Plans on
Action in Siberia.

PETROGRAD, March 15 (Associated Press).—The All-Russian Congress of Soviets, meeting at Moscow today, by a vote of 433 to 30 decided to ratify the peace treaty with the Central Powers.

[A London despatch] indicates that only the Bolshevik delegates to the Moscow conference were represented in the vote taken, in what may have been a majority caucus. The Mensheviks and probably other factions are represented at the conference, but in view of the strength of the Bolsheviks it is impossible that their decision could be reversed.

M. Ryazanov, a prominent Bolshevik theorist, and representatives of all the professional unions resigned from the Bolshevik Party after the vote.

The action of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets in accepting the German peace treaty clears the way for announcement of Allied intentions as regards Japanese intervention in Siberia, and gives Germany vast opportunities for political and economic penetration of the former Russian Empire. The decision of the Congress is the culmination of the peace steps begun by the Bolshevik Government last December.

The pacifist policy of Premier Lenin brought a break in the Bolshevik ranks and Trotsky resigned several days ago. This cleavage apparently had no effect on Lenin's mastery of the Congress of Soviets.

By the peace terms Russia must give up Poland, Courland, Livonia, Estonia and the Ukraine. In Asia Minor the Russians are compelled to retire from Armenia and to cede to the Turks the Russian districts of Batumi, Kars and Yevlan.

Russia must renounce all claims to the occupied territories in Europe, Germany and Austria-Hungary to decide the fate of these regions in agreement with their populations. The Russian Army must be demobilized and Russian warships are to be disarmed.

RATIFICATION EXPECTED TO BRING EARLY MOVE BY JAPAN IN SIBERIA

No Real Danger of German Armies
Moving That Far East, Say
Washington Officials.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The United States Government has no intention today on the decision of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets at Moscow ratifying the German peace terms. Nothing had come either from Ambassador Francis at Volodga or the American Consul General at Moscow.

It is believed that ratification of the peace terms will bring an early move by Japan in Siberia. Any move by the Japanese, it is believed, would be made chiefly as a measure of protection for Japanese and American

DOCTOR ACCUSED OF PLOT TO GET MEN OUT OF ARMY

Arrested With Former Soldier,
Charged With Scheme to
Spread Disease.

Dr. Philip G. Becker of No. 145 West 86th Street and Harry E. Walters, former United States soldier, now living at Bath Beach, Brooklyn, were held in \$10,000 and \$500 bail, respectively, by United States Commissioner Hitchcock today on charges of conspiracy in violation of the Espionage Act.

Dr. Becker and Walters were arrested shortly before their arraignment by Sergeants William J. McCall and Thomas M. Cavanagh of the Army Intelligence Bureau and Acting Sergeant Brown of the Police Bomb Squad. It is said they were in the act of conspiring to inoculate United States soldiers with medicine tending to produce symptoms of Bright's disease.

According to a full confession alleged to have been obtained from Walters, he had been treated by Dr. Becker for an incipient disease so as to make him eligible for army service. Shortly after entering the army, Walters said, he became ill and was summarily discharged for physical disability.

Walters is quoted as saying: Dr. Becker proposed that they engage in supplying soldiers with a liquid medicine that would produce symptoms of Bright's disease so they could obtain their release from the army. He says that Dr. Becker's terms were \$50 down and from \$100 to \$200 as soon as the patient was released.

Walters, it is alleged, admitted he made such a proposition to two soldier friends now at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., and that they agreed to take the "cure." However, the soldiers complained to their superior officers, with the result that the local authorities were informed of the alleged conspiracy.

Then a trap was set. The army intelligence agents went to a house in West Forty-fifth Street in which Walters was to meet the soldiers and hid in a closet. One of the soldiers was given \$50 in marked bills, which, it is declared, Walters was seen to accept. The latter led them to the home of Dr. Becker and some time later the Federal agents found the marked money in Dr. Becker's possession, it is asserted.

Dr. Becker denied all knowledge of wrongdoing, saying he had given Walters only iodine of potassium as a remedy for a disease, and that his arrest was the result of a "frameup" on the part of Walters.

In default of bail both men were held for future hearing.

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MANY NEW YORK PASSENGERS HURT IN FATAL WRECK

Two Women Killed When 300-
Ton Boulder Crashes Into
Express in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 15.—Two passengers were killed and twenty-eight injured when a landslide wrecked a Pennsylvania train near Elizabethtown, Pa., early today.

The dead are: Miss Rena Palmer, daughter of Charles Palmer, of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mrs. Vera Ravener of Pittsburgh, who died on the way to a Harrisburg hospital.

The train was the Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago Express, due in Harrisburg at 1:25 A. M. from Philadelphia. It was struck by a boulder while passing through the cut near Elizabethtown, seventeen miles east of here, the rocks wrecking two sleeping cars.

Railroad officials say the steel cars prevented a heavy loss of life. It is estimated that one of the rocks which struck the train weighed 300 tons and will have to be dynamited to remove it from the roadbed. The two sleeping coaches were thrown across four tracks.

Practically all of the injured who required hospital attention were in the wrecked coaches.

A detail of soldiers from the aviation storehouse at Middletown was hastened to the wreck in trucks to render assistance to the injured.

The train was well into the cut when the conductor saw the sliding boulder tumbling toward the track. The engine and two baggage cars passed safely, then the boulder struck the train. The Pullman passengers were piled indiscriminately in the top berths of the overturned cars.

All the injured were brought to Harrisburg. Many stayed only a few hours and all but two will have been discharged before the close of the day.

THE INJURED.
CHARLES DEFOURST, No. 162 East 22d Street, New York City.
HARRY ISRAEL LEHENDIGER, Youngtown, O.

ISADORE HENBERGER, No. 7 West 86th Street, New York, lacerated scalp and face.

ARCHIBALD STORAN, Montreal, cut about face.

ALICE MANNING, No. 171 West 162d Street, New York, cut on left arm and body.

WALTER CROFT, Braddock, Pa., slight cuts.

H. H. STEINMETZ, Dover, N. J., fractured clavicle and abrasions.

LEWIS HERSCHBERGER, Ford City, Pa., slight cuts.

HUGH SOLES, Turtle Creek, Pa., slight cuts.

THOMAS SHONE, No. 261 West 110th Street, New York, cuts on both arms.

CHARLES PALMER, Morgantown, W. Va., cuts on both legs.

ALBERT SHEPPLING, No. 128 Highland Street, Jersey City, N. J.

A. A. RICHARDSON, New York.

J. B. KEMP, New York.

MRS. MALV PIRILSKI, Hermitage, Pa.

ALICE KAPLAN, New York.

LEON COHEN, 215 Locust Street, St. Louis.

E. H. BOWLEY, Pittsburgh.

P. E. BOWLEY, Orléans, Pa.

H. M. WILSON, Pittsburgh.

ELLSWORTH E. EDWARDS, Harrisburg, Pa., no cuts.

Col. MacArthur Decorated By France With Capt. Handy And Eight U. S. Soldiers



U. S. Officers Who Got War Cross, and a Ball Player Soldier Who Was with the Fighting Troopers.

Capt. Archie Roosevelt Re- ceives His War Cross on the Operating Table.

By Fred S. Ferguson.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 14 (United Press).—Capt. Archie Roosevelt, son of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, received the French War Cross for gallantry in action while lying on an operating table on Tuesday in an evacuation hospital.

The War Cross has also been conferred upon Col. Douglas MacArthur, Capt. Thomas Handy and the following enlisted men:

Private O. S. GORDON of Iowa, WARNER HALL, of Alabama, who led a patrol of five men into a German trench, where they annihilated ten Germans. They killed two, wounded two and took the others prisoner.

Corpl. H. WHITE of Alabama, Sergeant WEST of Alabama, Private FRIEDMAN of Alabama, Private ATKINSON of Alabama, Sergeant THEODORE PETERSON of the Medical Corps.

Private L. WENSEL.

When the French general and staff party arrived to confer the decoration upon Capt. Roosevelt the Special II had just been finished. Whatsoever doctors and nurses were standing about and the air was very still. The usual hospital hum of voices was absent.

Capt. Roosevelt was lying, propped up on his left arm. The French staff met him. He was looking at the camera. He was looking at the camera. He was looking at the camera.

Prof. Kilpatrick of Columbia Escapes Injury.

Mrs. William B. Kilpatrick, wife of Prof. Kilpatrick of Teachers College, Columbia University, passed hours of anxiety early today receiving reports that her husband had been injured in the Philadelphia train wreck. At 9 o'clock news came from Philadelphia that Prof. Kilpatrick was unhurt. Prof. Kilpatrick left yesterday to go to Philadelphia, where he was to deliver a lecture to-night to Columbia alumni.

HINDENBURG DECLARES GREAT OFFENSIVE BY GERMANS MUST GO ON

Reports From Neutral Sources Say
Enemy Is Prepared to Sacrifice
300,000 Men.

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—According to news received here Field Marshal von Hindenburg has stated in an interview in Berlin that the Entente had shown an unresponsive attitude toward Germany's peace intentions and that the great German offensive therefore must go on.

In well-informed neutral quarters recently the Associated Press correspondent was told the Germans were prepared to lose 300,000 men in an offensive operation.

BRITISH FLYERS DOWN 24 GERMAN PLANES IN A DAY

Five English Machines Missing
After Thrilling Battles
in the Air.

LONDON, March 15.—There was severe aerial fighting on the Western front Wednesday between large groups of British and German machines. British airmen accounted for twenty-four of the enemy. The official statement on aviation adds that five British machines are missing. There were thrilling encounters between large formations. Nineteen hostile machines were shot down and five others driven down out of control.

Seven hundred bombs were dropped on enemy billets, ammunition dumps and railway sidings at Courtrai and Densin. Further reports of the raid on Freiburg say that the bombs dropped were seen to burst on the railway station and round the power station. Just after bombs were released the British formation was attacked by a large number of machines, the fight lasting until the enemy was forced to withdraw. Three British machines did not return.

Monday's air raid on Coblenz caused very heavy damage, according to some German reports to Amsterdam. Two munition factories were reported burning, and vast quantities of explosives were estimated exploding, rendering the efforts of the firemen to extinguish the flames unavailable.

U. S. FLYER DOWNS PLANE; ANOTHER KILLED ABROAD

Paul E. Baer Wins Battle in Air—
Harry Vellie Loses Life in
Accident.

WITH THE LAKESIDE FLYING SQUADRON, March 15.—Paul E. Baer of Fort Wayne, Ind., last afternoon downed a German airplane.

Mr. Baer came to France in February of last year as a member of the Franco-American Flying Corps.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Harry Vellie of Chicago, a transatlantic aviator, died in the Navy Department today after a long illness.

NAVAL FLYER KILLED.

Roger C. Perkins Loses Life in
Fall at Sea West.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The body of Roger C. Perkins, a member of the Naval Reserve, was recovered from the sea off the coast of California today. He was killed in a crash landing on the coast of California.

AMERICANS DRIVE GERMANS FROM A LINE OF TRENCHES MORE THAN ONE MILE LONG

Occupy Position in Broad Daylight,
Returning After an Initial Setback
—Ohio Troops, Including "Hank"
Gowdy, Figure in Raid.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 14 (United Press).—American troops now occupy their first German trenches—a mile and one-fifth of front line positions in the Badonviller region on the Luneville front.

The positions were occupied in broad daylight by the Americans, after German evacuation. A German barrage later forced a withdrawal, but the Americans returned and now firmly hold the positions.

The trenches have been consolidated, automatic rifles have been mounted, and they are fully defended. They were so smashed by Yankee artillery as to be untenable for the Germans, but the salient forms an excellent addition to our lines. The Americans found the trenches supported by strong timbers. The broken ones have been replaced.

FRENCH TROOPS ENTER CROWN PRINCE'S LINES

Success in the Champagne District
Is Admitted by Berlin
War Office.

BERLIN, March 15.—Strong French detachments gained a footing yesterday west of the Nauroy Road, on the German Crown Prince's front (Champagne District), says today's army headquarters announcement.

From the afternoon onward a violent fire was directed against the German position north and northeast of Uremon. The French detachments advanced in the evening on a wide front, but succeeded only in obtaining a footing in our trenches at the point named.

On the eastern bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there was increased artillery firing throughout the day.

BRITISH RAIDING PARTIES ENTER THE GERMAN LINES

Enemy Repulsed Near Passchendaele
and Poelcapelle, Says Lon-
don War Office.

LONDON, March 15.—"Our raiding parties entered the enemy's lines last night west of Villers-Guislain and brought back a few prisoners," says today's official communication. "Hostile raids were repulsed in the neighborhoods of Passchendaele and Poelcapelle. Our and the enemy's artillery showed some activity during the night southwest and west of Cambrai, south of Arras and on the Maasiges and Menin road sectors."

ROME, March 15.—Raiding operations on the front between the St. Etienne and the Piave are reported in the War Office statement. It also reports that aerial activity was intense over the fighting line and over the immediate rear lines.

Shrapnel of the Royal Navy dropped bombs on enemy stores and the aviation grounds of the enemy were bombed by our airplanes. One enemy airplane was brought down.

Stranded Susquehanna Floated, AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 15.

The American steamship Susquehanna, which went ashore on the Atlantic coast of Mexico, was floated today and arrived in this port in tow. She is owned by the Great Lakes Transit Corporation and was from a European port with wheat. The crew was removed on the day she went aground.

More baths and "de-lousing" stations will be established near the front immediately.

Elimination of "trench fever" will be of the greatest consequence to the Allied man-power.